

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Kenji OI, et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Serial No.: Unassigned )  
) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: December 12, 2000 )  
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For: INTERFACE HAVING PLUG AND )  
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**SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIOR FOREIGN  
APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 C.F.R. § 1.55**

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231*

*Sir:*

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, Applicants submit herewith a certified copy of each of the following foreign applications:

Japanese Appln. No. 2000-091942, filed March 29, 2000 and  
Japanese Appln. No. 2000-083911, filed March 24, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that Applicants be given the benefit of the earlier foreign filing date, as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,  
STAAS & HALSEY, LLP

Dated: December 12, 2000

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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. 1076.1059/JDH

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier:

Kenji Oi, et al.

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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

**ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patent**  
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification, Claims & Abstract ..... [ Total Pages: 47 ]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) ..... [ Total Sheets: 17 ]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration ..... [ Total Pages: 3 ]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
    - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation by Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) [ ] Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [ ] Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) [ ] Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired.
15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) (Japanese Appln. 11-271916, filed 9/27/99)
16. ☐ Other:

**17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:**[ ] Continuation [ ] Divisional [ ] Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No:   /  **18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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